



1980 Round 4 Sunday 20th April Lidcombe Oval



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Manly-Warringah 4

Wayne SMITH
 Wayne BUCKLEY
 Ted GOODWIN
 Ron GITEAU
 Warren BOLAND (c)
 Peter ROWLES
 Alan NEIL
 Jim LEIS
 Paul MERLO
 Bob COOPER
 John DONNELLY
 Jack JEFFRIES
 Terry LEABEATER
 Mark BEAVEN

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row
Replacement

Graham EADIE
 Jim SEE
 Russell GARTNER
 John DORAHY
 Tom MOONEY
 Alan THOMPSON
 Steve MARTIN
 Wayne SPRINGALL
 Bruce WALKER
 Ray BROWN
 John GRAY
 Max KRILICH (c)
 Ian THOMSON



Tries

Wayne SMITH
 Alan NEIL
 Paul MERLO
 Ron GITEAU
 Wayne BUCKLEY

Goals

Peter ROWLES (2)

Graham EADIE (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Smith; three-quarters: W Buckley, E Goodwin, R Giteau, W Boland (c); five-eighth: P Rowles; half: A Neil; forwards: J Leis, P Merlo, R Cooper, J Donnelly, J Jeffries, T Leabeater

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: T Mooney, J Dorahy, R Gartner, J See; five-eighth: A Thompson; half: S Martin ; forwards: W Springall, B Walker, R Brown, J Gray, M Krilich (c), I Thomson **Referee: J Danzey (The Sun 21st April 1980)**

Manly, the team Wests' coach Roy Masters tagged the "Silvertails", left the field at Lidcombe Oval yesterday to a chorus of taunts from Magpies' fans. "Bring out another 120 grand and buy three more from us," was one jibe at the Manly players after they were beaten 19-4 by Wests. "Who do you want to buy from us now?" was another call to the Manly officials. Wests' fans' taunts were references to Manly's signing of John Dorahy, Ray Brown and Les Boyd for a reputed \$40,000 apiece this year. And the Sea Eagles left the ground with their "Silvertails" tarnished. The win left the Magpies flying alone on top of the first grade Premiership and the club championship. And the Wests' dressing room was triumphant. "It was beautiful to be out there," declared hooker Jack Jeffries. "I'm on less than \$7,000 a year and I suppose Manly hooker Maxie Krilich is on thirty grand, but we beat them hands down." Wests won as well as the five tries to nil margin indicated. The Magpies' tackling could only be described as fierce in the early stages and although Manly stood up to it well enough to scramble to a 4-3 lead at the interval, the battering told. Wests added four tries in the second half and, with a form goal-kicker, it would have been even more humiliating for Manly. Peter Rowles missed five of seven attempts and is Masters' only problem at present. Masters has the side playing exceptionally well and showing teams they can play hard football without going berserk. The power in the Magpie tackling contributed to an amazing number of dropped passes and lost ball by Manly. The Sea Eagle lost it 30 times, including 19 in the first half. Brown and Dorahy had fairly quiet games at their former home ground. Dorahy was decked twice without the ball, but no action was taken. Wests' stars were second-rower Bob Cooper, lock Jimmy Leis, Paul Merlo and half Alan Neil. Cooper kept bursting through the defence and Leis gave another very classy display. He made the first try possible by leaping for a bomb and tipping the ball back for Wayne Buckley to score. Major casualty of the match was Graham Eadie, with a deeply gashed scalp in the last few minutes. He had eight stitches inserted, but expects to be able to play next weekend. Referee Jack Danzey handled a difficult game well and is making it hard for rivals to depose him from the No. 1 spot. **(The Sun 21st April 1980)**

Notes: This was a huge revenge match for Wests and the fans didn't lay off Manly as they left the field. John Dorahy and Ray Brown had made little impression against the strong Wests' defence. It was the fierce tackling that eventually wore Manly down and Wests turned a 3-4 deficit, with 25 minutes to go, into a five try to nil rout. Bob Cooper's blind side running was a feature and Paul Merlo and Jim Leis were again outstanding. Worryingly, Peter Rowles had another off day with the boot, only kicking 2/7 goal attempts.